

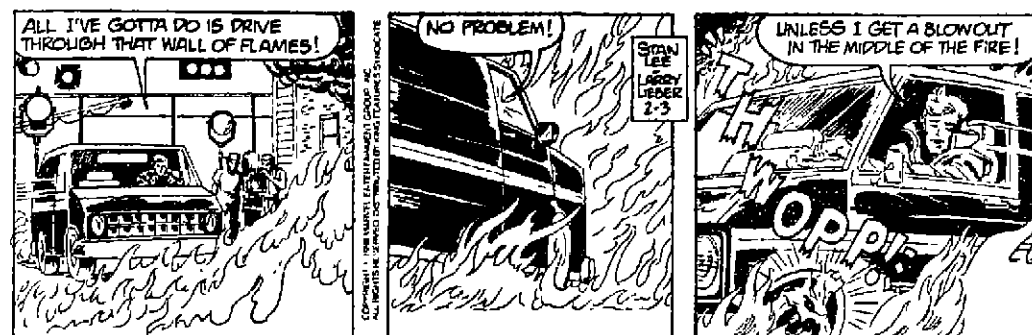
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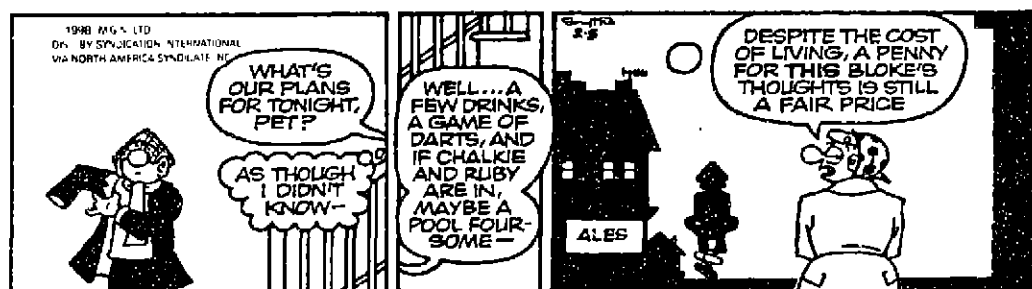
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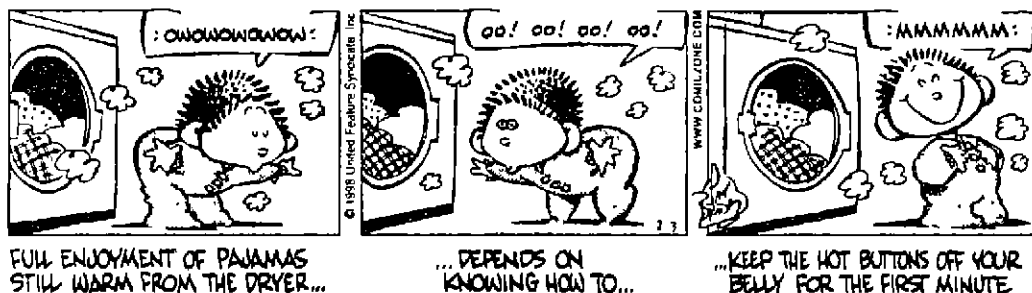
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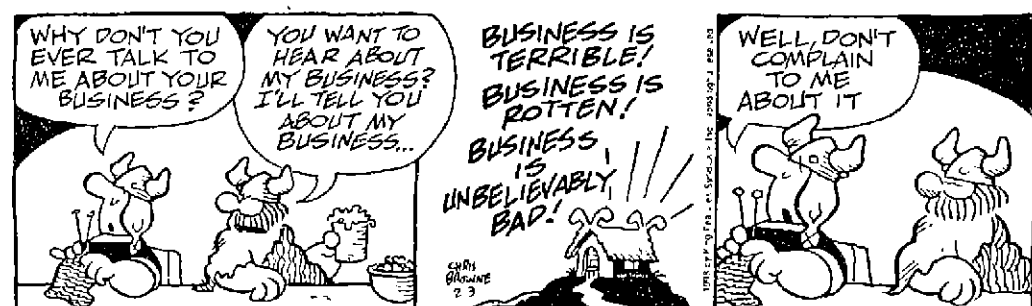
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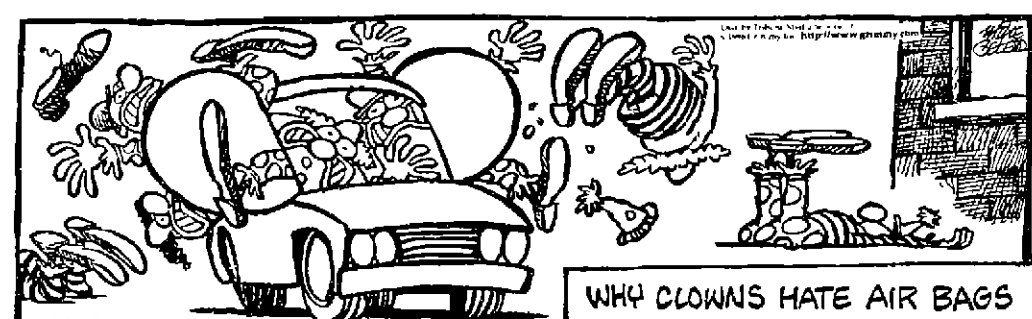
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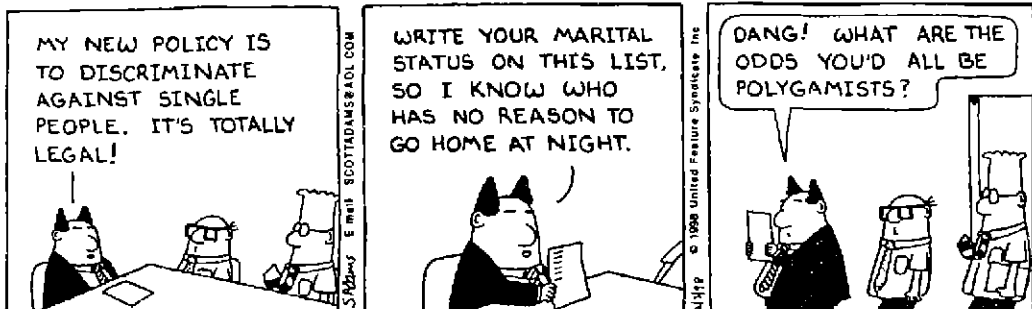
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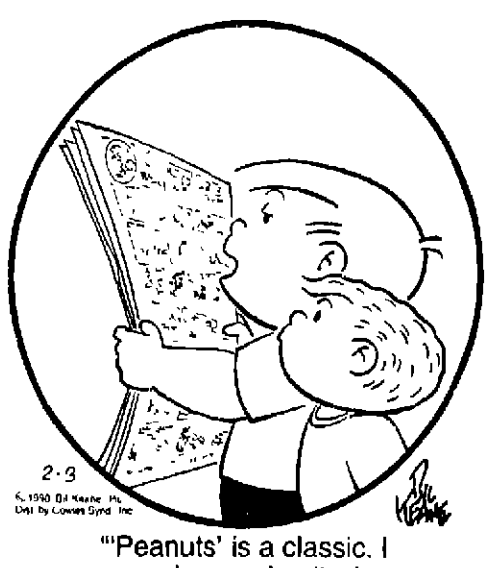
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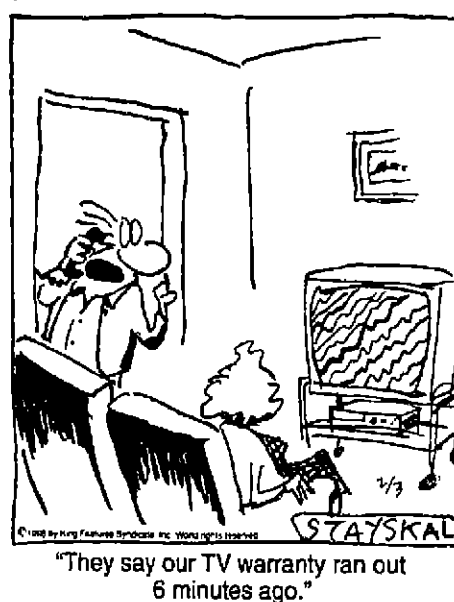
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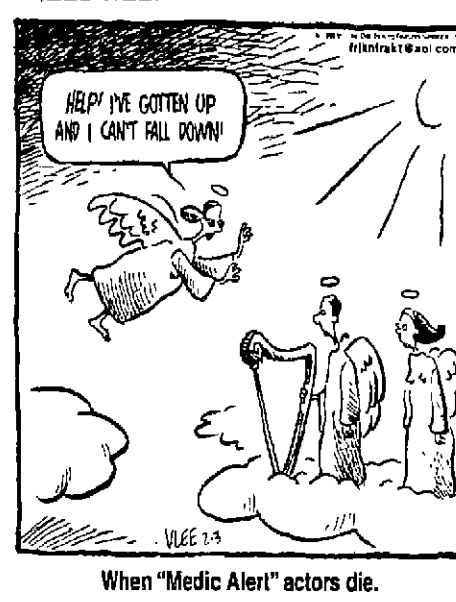
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Comedian **Joey Bishop** is 80. Actor **John Fiedler** is 73. Football Hall-of-Famer **Fran Tarkenton** is 58. Singer-guitarist **Dave Davies** (The Kinks) is 51. Singer **Melanie** is 51. Actress **Morgan Fairchild** is 48. Actor **Nathan Lane** is 42. Rock musician **Lee Ranaldo** (Sonic Youth) is 42. Actor **Thomas Calabro** ("Melrose Place") is 39. Actor-director **Keith Gordon** is 37. Actress **Maura Tierney** is 33. Musician **Grant Barry** is 21.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

T	G	H	L	N	F	3rd Letter Double
D	A	S	V	L	N	3rd Letter Triple
L	L	O	O	Y	A	
N	N	D	D	R	A	

PAR SCORE 95-105

by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL

TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merram Webster) and OSOW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

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WORD SLEUTH

First name in words

W T Y V T Q O L I G D B B Y W
N T E R P M K I M F A D A D D
B I Y K W L U A S N E A N I Q
O M L K C L R I N F T O I D D
B Z X U N I V E R S A L L Y W
U E S Q A H R D O N G R O T L
J S H C F P D C O C E A R A A
Y K H W V U R T S U R C A K Q
P I L L I B Y A L P G N C L K
I M H F C I M O T A E H T A P
E O C B Y R A M O T S U C Z Y

Monday's unlisted clue: PAINT

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: NATIVE ALASKAN

Atomic	Cuckoo	Mariachi	Tarpaulin
Banner	Customary	Path	Universally
Carload	Dough	Playbill	Uphill
Carolina	Katydid	Segregate	

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HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A routine trip to the dentist or doctor for a checkup is long overdue, so make it a priority.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're in a bit of a slump and really don't feel up to doing much. It's all right to let some things slide.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A child causes some concern early in the day. Later you apply yourself to your work.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your artistic side is showing. For the best results, utilize your talents carefully.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You might be tempted to put responsibilities aside and basically take the day off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) News you receive early in the day has you glowing. Apparently nothing can jar you out of your sunny mood.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You spend the early part of the day tying up loose ends. Later you can breathe a bit easier.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Try not to take a loved one's problems heart. As you well know, he or she has a history of histrionics.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A simple act of generosity on your part goes a long way. You are feeling altruistic and could get deeply involved in a humanitarian cause.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) It's one thing to feel good about what you've accomplished. It's another to go around bragging about it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) If you need to enlist the aid of a co-worker, don't stand on ceremony.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) If you don't finish your assignments during regular hours, you'll likely wind up putting in extra hours on the job.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"I counted 10 top winners," exclaimed an astonished South. "The bad trump break and West's shrewd duck combined to make one winner disappear."

South neither saw nor said anything about his contribution. What could he have done to hold on to his elusive 10th winner?

South ruffed the third heart and counted 10 top tricks. And if someone dropped the singleton trump king, he would have 11. Believing he had nothing to lose, South

played his trump ace and led another trump. West ducked shrewdly, and when East discarded, South knew he was in trouble. If he played meekly to concede "only" down one, he could run dummy's diamonds and discard a club. West would ruff to score his low trump, and the defense would get two trumps and two hearts. Taking his only chance, South played for West to have no more hearts and bravely led another trump. However, West led his last heart to remove South's last trump for the same result. (Had West held five hearts, it would have been two down.) How does South make his game? After ruffing the third heart, South should lead a trump but not the ace. When West ducks, South leads another low trump. If West ducks again, South cashes his trump ace and runs the diamonds, discarding his losing club. If West ruffs, it is his last trick. And if he doesn't ruff, South cashes his two top clubs, limiting West's trump winners to only his king.

NORTH
♠ J 5 3
♥ 6 4 3
♦ A J 8 5
♣ 7 5 2

WEST
♠ K 7 6 4
♥ K Q 9 5
♦ 7 6 2
♣ 9 4

EAST
♠ 2
♥ A J 8 7
♦ 9 4 3
♣ Q J 10 6 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 9 8
♥ 10 2
♦ K Q 10
♣ A K 8

Vulnerable Both
Dealer South

The bidding:
South 1♠ Pass
West 2♥ Pass
North 2♠ Pass
East 4♣ Pass

Opening lead: Heart king

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1223

ACROSS

- 1 Islands west of Portugal
- 7 Third place
- 11 Southern
- 14 Barrio grocery
- 15 Hardly believable
- 16 "You -- here"
- 17 Diane Keaton, to Woody Allen, often
- 18 Author Turgenev
- 19 Arrangement of masts
- 20 Lots, price-wise
- 23 H. H. Munro, pseudonymously
- 26 Velvet finish
- 27 Effortless
- 28 Ike of the O.K. Corral

DOWN

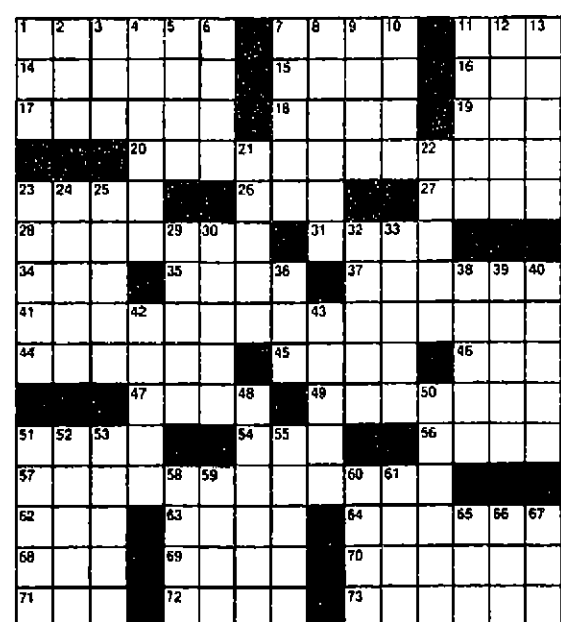
- 31 Priestly garb
- 34 Josh
- 35 The Four Seasons' "Walk Like a Man"
- 37 Coffee shop emanations
- 41 Lots, love-wise
- 44 Make some after-the-whistle contact
- 45 Dutch portraitist Frans
- 46 Fri. pre-ceder
- 47 Sabbath activity
- 48 Deck out
- 51 Jump out of one's skin?
- 54 Dine
- 56 Chess castle
- 57 Lots, time-wise
- 62 Boxers' letters?

DOWN

- 1 "20/20" network
- 2 Where to do some petting
- 3 Takes too much
- 4 Hire, as counsel
- 5 Richard of "A Summer Place"
- 6 Franklin D.'s mother
- 7 Gunk
- 8 Harbor where the Maine blew up
- 9 Mideast land
- 10 Proceed
- 11 "Cheers" waitress
- 12 80's Dodge
- 13 Having attractive games
- 21 Of the kidneys
- 22 Ancient moralist
- 23 Dump into a Dumpster
- 24 "I ran out of gas," e.g.
- 25 Afghan capital
- 26 Sierra Nevada lake

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BAKU ETTA FACES
ASIN LAWS INANE
STET ERIG NAVE
HAVINGAGOODTIME
LAI TKO LYS
UMP PAST RUT
PERFECTWEATHER
IQOR EEL IVAN
AWESOMESCENERY
ETH DEAL NEE
TWA AIR BIG
WISHYOUWEREHERE
ASTOP DALI ODOR
NEHRU EGAD SNAG
GREAT RENE TARO



Puzzle by Fred Piscop

- 30 Future signs
- 32 Serve, as stew
- 33 Chutzpah
- 36 Slangy refusal
- 38 Copycat's words
- 39 Allergic season sound
- 40 cabbage
- 42 Sealy rival
- 43 1993 treaty, briefly
- 48 Tough pickup for some bowlers
- 50 Audition
- 51 Old-time actress Normand
- 52 Hand-wringer's words
- 53 Rock shelf
- 55 Vote to accept
- 58 Heavy life
- 59 Milan's Teatro Scala
- 60 "Two Years Before the Mast" writer
- 61 (Ding-dong) calling
- 65 Billy Joel's "Extremes"
- 66 Dapper fellow?
- 67 Piggery

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